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Bahrain Bans Imports of Pork Due to H1N1 Concerns

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Report Highlights:

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General Information:

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Begin unofficial translation of decree.

Kingdom of Bahrain
Ministry of Municipalities Affairs & Agriculture
Municipalities Affairs
Minister's Office

Ministerial Decree No. (17) for 2009
Regarding Applying the Required Precautionary Measures to Combat
the Possible Infiltration of Swine Flu into the Kingdom

Minister of Municipal and Agricultural Affairs

Having reviewed Decree No. (3) and its amendments for 1975 regarding the general health;
Decree No. (3) for 1985 regarding controlling the import of food products;
Decree No. (8) for 2003 for the veterinary quarantine system in the GCC;
and based on the recommendations of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) regarding swine flu;
the agreement with the Ministry of Health;
and the presentation given by the Undersecretary of the Municipal and Agricultural Affairs
the following has been decided:

Clause (1)

Banning the import of live pigs and its meat, derivatives and its remnants and the biological components of which they are made from the United States of America, the Republic of Mexico and any other country in which the disease has been identified according to the bulletin issued by the (OIE).

The Department of Animal Wealth at the Municipal and Agricultural Affairs is responsible for the immediate release of these bulletins and the names of the countries concerned with this ban.

Clause (2)

The Undersecretary of the Municipal and Agricultural Affairs and the concerned authorities at the ports of entry in the Kingdom, each within their set of duties and responsibilities, should execute this decree and implement it effective its issuance date. It should be published in the Gazette.

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